



"Once real mastery of the air is obtained, all sorts of enterprises become easy."

—Winston Churchill

## 'Let's Roll!' nose art applied to base jet



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Helen McCracken, 47th Operations Group maintenance division corrosion control supervisor, displays the new "Let's Roll!" nose art on a Laughlin T-38. McCracken applied the nose art to the wing's flagship aircraft March 8.

### Compiled from staff reports

A Laughlin T-38 joined other Air Force aircraft in representing the "Spirit of 9-11" when it was recently given the honor of bearing the Air Force "Let's Roll!" nose art.

The jet – tail number 8121 – is the wing's flagship aircraft and is flown primarily by Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander.

The nose art design depicts an eagle soaring in front of the U.S. flag, with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "Let's roll!" on the bottom. The design was created by

Senior Airman Duane White, a journeyman from Air Combat Command's multimedia center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"Let's roll!" –

America's two-word marching order in the fight against terrorism – will be displayed on various aircraft throughout the Air Force as a way of recognizing the heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. The nose art will remain until the first anniversary of the attacks.

"This is our way of showing

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## Family day parade, Easter egg hunt set

### Compiled from staff reports

The Fourth Annual Family Day and Easter Egg Hunt is set for 9 a.m. to noon March 30.

The event, sponsored by the Fiesta Center, youth center and Helping Us Grow Stronger committee, will feature a parade beginning at 9 a.m. at the base chapel, followed by a 10 a.m. Easter egg hunt at the Fiesta Center.

Those wishing to participate in the parade should be at the base chapel at 8:45 a.m., and bring their best decorated strollers, wagons, bicycles and hats.

Strollers and bicycles will be judged in the 0-4, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-18 age categories. The age categories for the egg hunt are 0-3, 4-7 and 8-10 years old. Participants should bring a bag or basket to use when gathering eggs. Those interested in participating in the egg hunt should be in place at the Fiesta Center by 9:45 a.m.

Activities and games will be held inside the Fiesta Center, with prizes provided by the family day committee. Two bounce castles and several food booths will be located outside.

Squadrons are encouraged to support the

family day by sponsoring a game booth. The squadron will be responsible for assisting in setup, manning and cleaning up the booths. The games and equipment will be provided. Squadrons that would like to sell food should know there are a limited number of booths available. The booths will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis for \$25.

Prizes for the parade, Easter egg hunt, and tickets for the games will be available at the HUGS display table in the Fiesta Center lobby.

For more information on family day, call Menie Aseron or Helen Sykes at 298-5474.



**Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, has been nominated by the president of the United States to the Senate for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. A promotion party will be at 5 p.m. today at Club XL.**



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# Commanders' Corner

By Col. John Betts

47th Support Group Commander

## America: land of opportunity

America is the land of opportunity. Most of us grew up learning that it was the desire for a chance at a better life that brought our ancestors to this country.

In our location on the border we see people risking arrest, physical danger and even death in the unforgiving heat to gain access to this great land of opportunity. What is it that continues to draw people here, even as we criticize ourselves for not living up to the high standards of conduct and compassion we set for ourselves as a nation?

My story, which is retold in countless other lives as well, is one reason. I have the great privilege of commanding one of the greatest groups of people doing one of the most important missions in the greatest Air Force in the greatest country this world has ever seen. Not half bad for a shy, skinny little kid who was the first in his family to earn a college degree.

My grandfathers both worked the coal mines of southeast Ohio, and my father dropped out of high school in the ninth grade to get a job, eventually running punch presses for a living. My mother finished high school, immediately got married and started a family.

We were never in poverty; they earned a good living and provided well for us, which in itself speaks for the greatness of this country. But they always had a vision of an even brighter future; they really believed my future would be much better than theirs. They believed in education and hard work as the keys to that better life which America promises.

And as it turned, all I ever had to do was work hard and be honest to achieve success. Our Air Force has educated me, given me great opportunities and a good standard of living, and provided the chance to serve my countrymen all at the same time. A debt I know I can never fully repay.

Mayor Dora Alcala tells of her childhood here in Del Rio, then growing up to be a general officer equivalent as a civil servant and now mayor of the fair city of Del Rio.

The history books are full of these stories, but when you see it in the eyes of one who has embarked and succeeded on his way to the American dream, it takes on real meaning. Many of you have this same story; and many, quite possibly most, of the people you met today could tell how America has given them the opportunity for a better life than their parents had. America is about always moving ahead. This is still the best hope of the world and still the land of greatest opportunity. This is still something precious that we protect and defend.

It is my hope that you will be able to be as excited as I am about your part in giving this gift of hope to the world. Thank you to all who serve.

## Top Three Talk

By Senior Master Sgt. David Cannon

47th Operations Support Squadron chief controller



## Old way of doing things not always best

"How we got to where we are." This is a statement that was made right as I walked into the middle of a conversation one day. Wow, did that ever make me think.

If we stay in long enough, we will move around quite a bit in the Air Force. As we move from base to base, we come across procedures that are different than what we are used to from our previous assignments. Some ways of doing business can be down right bizarre. I call these unique procedures "isms."

I've always noticed the "isms" at each new assignment, but I didn't put much thought into how these "isms" came into existence. I've noticed change doesn't happen overnight. So, these "isms" must have taken some time to develop.

I expect there are two likely causes for these "isms." The first is getting too wrapped up in details. It is very easy in our busy lives to pay attention to all of the minutia and forget the big picture. The best way I know to keep that from happening is

to have a clear goal. Then, always step back and ask yourself, "Will this task help me accomplish the goal?" If the answer is no, then re-evaluate the need for that task.

For some things I see, I ask myself, "What were they thinking? Were things so different that these 'isms' actually made sense back then?" Perhaps. As times change, we must change with them or we fall behind. This is the second likely

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**"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."**

– 47th FTW motto

### FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

## Serving God, country and people an honor

**By Maj. George Mitchell**

*22nd Logistics Group*

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. — I needed a job, and I was thinking about enlisting.

My father, a retired Navy chief, recommended the Air Force. He's never said if he was looking out for me or the Navy. He also talked about it not being a regular job, the importance of country, the significance of duty, sacrifice and honor, living with a purpose and the seriousness of weapons, etc. It was over my head at the time, but I've gained an understanding of those words.

I got to basic training and enjoyed the many exercises in futility you endure that first night. Sometime the following morning I opened my eyes to see a very large man in a Smokey-the-Bear hat leaning over me asking if I planned on getting out of bed that day. I looked around at 49 other guys looking equally incoherent, but at least they were vertical, and wondered, "Who is he, and why am I here?" That "duty" word my father had used came back to me. I don't think I understood it, but keeping it in the front of my mind allowed me to do some things I may not have otherwise accomplished.

Then I got settled at my first duty station. I needed a job, and now I had one. We worked long hours, and like many people who don't know why they're in the military, I became disenchanted and figured I'd do four years and get back to the real world.

There are many good reasons for coming into the military. I joined for a paycheck. Some people come in for an education, others to travel and a number of other reasons. However, those reasons don't suffice when it comes down to the

challenges we face daily in service to our country.

We were recalled dark and early one morning to hear that the U.S. embassy, in a country I couldn't have found on a map, had been taken. The hours became longer and days off became less frequent, but that "duty" word my father had used came back. It made a little more sense this time, but I was still grasping.

Later we got word of the Desert One accident, and that "sacrifice" word started to take shape. I was working harder than I had ever worked in my life and loved every sleepless minute of it. I still didn't understand all the words, but I was starting to understand the importance of "service" and understood that I was here to serve.

Years later, one country invades another country I hadn't heard of. I again found myself asking, "Why am I here?" This time my problem with "here" was being in a tech school and not out in the "real Air Force," where every day you have the opportunity to make a difference, where every day I'm allowed to serve. I now understood this is in fact an honor.

On Sept. 11, I, like many others, stood in front of a television and watched as sacrifice was again explained in very understandable terms. These days I don't often wonder why I'm here.

After 23 years in uniform, I still can't define what my father's words meant, but I understand. Everyone in uniform came in for his or her reasons, but the only real reason to be here is to serve. To serve your God, your country and other people, but always to serve.

Why am I here? I'm here to serve.

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cause of these strange "isms," and it can be deadly. The status quo is a killer in the dynamic environment we live in today. We must be vigilant for complacency. We cannot allow ourselves to become comfortable.

If you find yourself in "the comfort zone," then you may already be in deep trouble. You need to break out of the rut you've fallen into.

To get out of the rut, you can start by stepping back and clearly defining your goal. In the Air Force, your goal should be to accomplish your part of the mission. There will be many steps for you to get the mission done. Obviously, each job will be different, but many of the main

steps are the same.

First step: Ensure the job is done correctly. Be aware "the ends do not justify the means." We must follow proper guidance. Yet, make sure you don't just follow the guidance blindly. If following Air Force instructions, technical orders, operating instructions, etc., doesn't allow you to get the job done right, then that written guidance needs to be updated, and you just found your first status quo holdover that needs to be fixed.

Second step: Take care of the people. You hear this a lot, but what does it mean? It means removing obstacles for them so they can do their jobs. These could be outdated, cumbersome procedures or frustration over an unsatisfied need or

goal. Find out what these frustrations are. Then, either help the individual, or find the expert who can. As a supervisor, you can't solve everyone's problems, but you can help them get started in the right direction.

Last step: If you do the job right, take care of the people, and these lead to successful mission accomplishment, you'll probably find that you've already done away with the status quo. Then, you only need to change as necessary to keep the mission accomplished. Some of those "isms" you noticed before may still be there. It could be that each location and mission are unique. Don't discard these "isms" just because they are different, because maybe you are the "ism" that needs to change.

## Actionline 298-5351

**T**his column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.



*Rick Rosborg*  
**Col. Rick Rosborg**  
47th FTW Commander

## Children staying in visiting officers quarters

**Question:** What is Air Force guidance on children and spouses sharing a room in a visiting officers quarter or bachelor officer quarter? Apparently Randolph doesn't want children in their temporary facilities (not including the temporary living facilities).

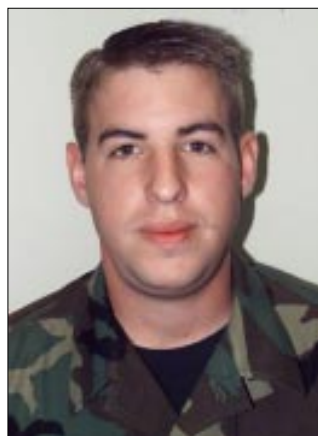
If it is against policy to have children stay with parents in a VOQ, is there anything our senior staff can do, with respect to Laughlin being given "remote status," to allow Laughlin families to stay in military quarters in San Antonio on weekends? I am suggesting a waiver, or something else that might work.

**Answer:** Guidance on children and spouses staying in VOQs varies at different bases because lodging configurations vary. At Laughlin, spouses or children are not allowed in the VOQ rooms due to the shared bathroom configuration. At Randolph, children are not allowed in the suites or student quarter VOQs because the rooms are simply not designed to accommodate children; however, children are allowed in the TLFs.

Laughlin families traveling to San Antonio for the weekend are authorized to stay in the TLFs on a space-available basis. For Space-A reservations, lodging will accept and confirm reservations up to 24 hours in advance of the arrival date, for up to three nights, space permitting.

Reservations can be made at any stateside lodging facility by calling toll-free (888) AFLODGE.





Chrisman



Ruiz

## Two promoted below the zone

### Compiled from staff reports

**T**wo airmen were recently informed they would be promoted to senior airman under the highly competitive below-the-zone program.

Airmen who have displayed increased responsibility are considered, and their selection not only indicates they are the best of the best, it allows them to sew on that new stripe six months early.

Airmen first class David Chrisman, 47th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, and Nicholas Ruiz, 47th OSS weather observer, were recently selected to sew on the rank of senior airman early.

Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, said the selectees were hard-working and deserving.

"If you get an opportunity, please congratulate these fine airmen," he said.

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support to all the victims of September 11," said Helen McCracken, 47th Operations Group maintenance division corrosion control supervisor and applicator of the "Let's Roll!" decal to the base jet. "This symbol shows our pride as American citizens."

The words "Let's roll" were made famous by Todd Beamer, a passenger on Flight 93. Beamer, a 32-year-old businessman, Sunday school teacher, husband, father and hero, led other passengers in fighting terrorists for control of Flight 93 before it crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania. He was overheard on a cellular phone reciting the Lord's Prayer and saying "Let's roll!" right before passengers charged the terrorists.

"Let's roll!" has served as a rallying cry for this nation as we go forward in our war on terrorism," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff. "We are proud to display this new nose art on our aircraft."

The passengers of Flight 93 won one of the first victories in the fight against terrorism. There has been much speculation about the terrorists' intentions for Flight 93, but it is widely believed that either the White House or the U.S. Capitol building was the intended target.

The Thunderbirds and other Air Force demonstration teams have applied this nose art on all aircraft, while major commands and wings were authorized to apply the nose art to one aircraft of their choice.

For thousands of years, warriors, such as the Vikings, Zulus, Native Americans, samurai and many others, have followed a tradition of decorating their instruments of war. These instruments could include the warriors or their weapons. The Air Force has used nose art throughout much of its history and for a variety of reasons.

The "Let's roll!" nose art is being used to continue the remembrance of Sept. 11, spur on the nation's patriotic spirit and pay tribute to the heroes and victims in the war against terrorism.

# Newsline

## Change of command set

The 85th Flying Training Squadron will hold a change of command at 3:30 p.m. today on the flight line outside of Anderson Hall.

Lt. Col. William Davidson will relinquish command to Lt. Col. David Turner.

A reception will be held at Club XL following the change-of-command ceremony.

## Night flying scheduled

Night flying is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 11 p.m.

For more information, call wing programming at 298-4344.

## Legion meeting scheduled

The Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post 298 will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday at The Barn across the highway from Laughlin's main gate.

There will be a discussion on the annual flag-pole raffle and upcoming events. The new 2002 membership cards are in, and members are urged to bring their dues.

All active-duty military people are eligible to join. The American Legion is the largest military and veteran voice on Capitol Hill.

For more information, call Murry Kachel at 298-2097.

## Diabetes education class set

A diabetes education and management class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday at the health and wellness center.

For more information or to register, call the health and wellness center at 298-6464.

## Advisory council to meet

The Health Consumers Advisory Council will meet at 1 p.m. April 5 in the 47th Flying Training Wing conference room.

The HCAC is a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin.

For details, call Mina Stover at 298-6311.

## Honor Guard needs people

The Laughlin Honor Guard is looking for motivated airmen and noncommissioned officers to join this elite group.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Anthony Williams at 298-5159.

Poor health, lost income, jail, discharge...Ecstasy?  
Maybe they should change the name.

# Laughlin to test drive Heartlink

By Airman Timothy J. Stein  
Staff writer

Laughlin is one of four Air Education and Training Command bases to test Heartlink, a new spouse orientation program designed to strengthen military families and enhance mission readiness.

The program's overall objective is to increase retention by increasing spouse awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, and support resources and services available to them.

"The spouse is the heart and lifeblood of the Air Force," said Sabrina Peña, 47th Mission Support Squadron Heartlink coordinator. "If the spouses are happy, the chances of people staying in is higher. The term 'Heartlink' was chosen to reinforce the feeling that the spouse is the heart of the Air Force team.

"The program will also help spouses feel they are a critical part of the Air Force team and help their families be physically, emotionally and spiritually healthier," said Peña.

While Laughlin had a trial class Wednesday to see how the program would go, the first actual class will be in April, making Laughlin the first of

the test bases to get the program up and operating.

"We at Laughlin volunteered to be a test base for AETC and are excited about the support we received from various agencies on base that helped make this program possible," said Elizabeth Rosborg, trial class master of ceremonies. "Since this program is on a trial basis, it has received no funding and had to rely on volunteers to get it going."

It was various agencies around base, which volunteered time and money, that allowed Laughlin to be the first base in AETC to get the program off the ground, Rosborg said.

The program will be a daylong event broken up into several different activities. Each activity teaches the participants about a different aspect of their life within the Air Force.

The day starts off with a briefing from the wing commander. The spouses will learn about the mission of the Air Force, AETC and Laughlin. This briefing will also provide information about the base and the local community.

Throughout the rest of the day the spouses will learn about customs,



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

(From left to right) Rona Hogan, Dianna Ackerley, Jennifer Seaberg, Elizabeth Rosborg, Pam Betts, Holly Hill and Andi Blaylock celebrate completing a trial run of the Heartlink Spouse Orientation Program Wednesday at the family support center here. The women volunteered to go through a trial run of the course in order to provide feedback and suggestions to make the course better.

traditions, rank, rules of protocol and entitlements. They will also have briefings on resources and agencies available to them that can help support their families. A class on how to improve their skills in identifying and overcoming barriers to effective communication with Air Force agencies will also be given.

At the end of the day is a gradu-

ation ceremony where the spouses will be presented with a spouse coin or certificate of appreciation.

One aspect of the program which really works is that it is fun, said Peña.

"It is not death by Power Point," she said. "There are games, role playing and other interactive activities. It is a fun way to learn."



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## Good IDEA

Col. Rick Rosborg (right), 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, presents a \$10,000 check to Lt. Col. Jeff Davidson (left to right), former 47th Operations Group Deputy Commander, Capt. Brian O'Neil, 87th Flying Training Squadron Lizards flight commander, and Maj. Dean Stephens, 87th FTS assistant director of operations. The three were awarded the money after submitting a plan to reduce the washout rate of Laughlin pilot graduates at follow-on training. The plan was submitted through the IDEA program, which awards those who come up with effective ideas to save the Air Force money. The idea saved the Air Force more than \$6 million dollars.

Friday, the Border Eagle. Wednesday, this newspaper:  
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## Exceptional airman to be honored

**A**ir Force Times is proud to announce the second annual Air Force Times Airman of the Year Award. In association with AT&T and Fisher House, Air Force Times will honor the airman who best embodies the finest qualities of the men and women serving in today's Air Force.

The award is designed to recognize a special airman who has shown unusual or heretofore unrecognized honor, valor and dedication to fellow airmen and the community during 2001.

Air Force Times will honor the airman whose efforts unselfishly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty at a ceremony on Capitol Hill in May.

This airman could be someone who jumped in to help out in a desperate situation or someone who has helped an important cause. Air Force Times is looking for someone who is always ready to lend a hand, who sees what needs to be done and unselfishly does it, or that person who inspires and motivates others to be better people.

The Air Force Times Airman of the Year is selected from the nominations of airmen themselves, the readers of Air Force Times.

Deadline for nominations is April 12, 2002. Nominations may be sent online to [www.airforcetimes.com/airman](http://www.airforcetimes.com/airman), e-mailed to [airman@airforcetimes.com](mailto:airman@airforcetimes.com) or mailed to: Airman of Year Award, Air Force Times, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, Va., USA 22159. Nominations can also be faxed to: Airman of the Year Award at (703) 642-7325.

For more information, log on to [www.airforcetimes.com/airman](http://www.airforcetimes.com/airman).

(Courtesy of Air Force Times)



## Chapel Schedule



### Catholic

*Today* 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross and soup/bread supper  
*Saturday* 5 p.m., Palm Sunday vigil mass  
*Sunday* 9:15 a.m., Palm Sunday mass  
*March 28* 7 p.m., Holy Thursday mass  
*March 29* 7 p.m., Good Friday service  
*March 30* 9 p.m., Easter vigil mass  
*March 31* 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday mass

### Jewish

Call Max Stool at 775-4519

### Muslim

Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

### Nondenominational

*Friday* 7 p.m., Unity in Community services

### Protestant

*Sunday* 11:15 a.m., Passion Sunday (Protestant Palm Sunday)  
*March 29* Noon, Good Friday Protestant service  
*March 31* 6:30 a.m., Easter sunrise service, chapel lawn  
 • 7:30 a.m., Easter sunrise service breakfast, Chapel Fellowship Hall  
 • 11:15 a.m., Protestant service

**For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.**

## The XLer

**Hometown:** Del Rio

**Family:** 3 sons, 1 daughter and 1 son, deceased

**Time at Laughlin:** 30 years

**Time in service:** 30 years

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** More live entertainment and more jobs

**Greatest accomplishment:** Completing 30 years of federal service

**Hobbies:** Playing cards and traveling

**Bad habit:** Smoking

**Favorite film:** Any film with Eddie Murphy, Steven Seagal or Chuck Norris

**Favorite musician:**

B.B. King

**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I would like to do more toward improving relations among all races, encouraging young adults to strive to reach their full potential and educating them about the people that have paved the way for us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. Dr. King did all of these things.

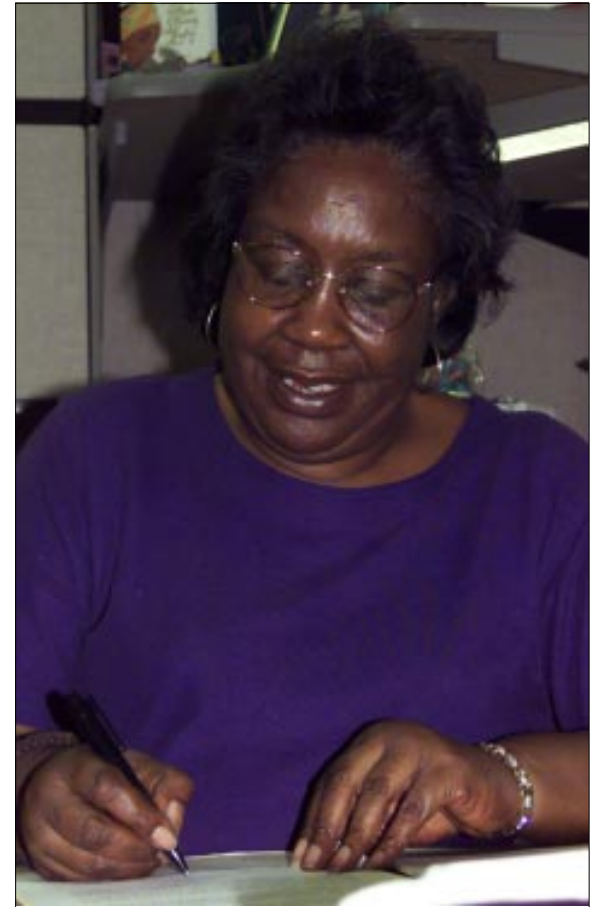


Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

### **Joni Jordan**

*47th Mission Support Squadron  
civilian personnel flight  
employee relations specialist*

## Car is most common site for child neglect

By David Benson

47th Medical Operations Squadron  
family advocacy intervention specialist

Is leaving a child alone in a car child neglect?

Actually, this could be one of the most common forms of child neglect – inadequate supervision.

For children under the age of five, the state of Texas and Laughlin require supervision at all times. For older children, the answer is not as clear.

The base has guidelines for 5- to 8-year-old children that states they should be supervised. However, the need for adult supervision for any child is dependent on several factors. These include where the child is, how long he or she is there, the child's level of maturity, his or her level of understanding about emergency and safety actions and the risk to the child by not having supervision.

Any time a child does not have adult supervision, he or she is at risk for any situation that requires a mature response. That could

be fire, illness, accidents or strangers who want to hurt them. Children can be impulsive and act without thinking about consequences, such as attempting to drive a car if the engine is running.

When a child is observed alone in a vehicle at Laughlin, Air Force regulations require that a report be made to family advocacy by all military members or civilian employers when there is suspicion of child neglect.

Family advocacy is required to inform the member's command and Texas child protective services. The family is then interviewed, and a determination is made if there was child neglect by not providing adequate supervision.

Parents are encouraged to use good judgment when deciding to leave a child alone in a vehicle and should be aware of the risks and the civilian and military requirements for child supervision.

If you have any questions, call the family advocacy/life skills clinic at 298-6422.

## AETC Commander talks safety in March Torch

By Master Sgt.

Michael Briggs

Air Education and Training  
Command Public Affairs

The commander of Air Education and Training Command shared his safety philosophy in the March issue of Torch magazine that hit the street recently.

Gen. Don Cook, featured in the cover article of the command's monthly safety magazine, said the emphasis for conducting successful flying and ground safety programs must be on youth.

"By the nature of the command, the focus is youth," the general said in an interview with Tim Barela, Torch editor. "The command flies nearly 600,000 hours a year, and most of the people who are doing that flying [young lieutenants] don't wear wings. They are

not bona fide pilots yet.

Therefore, I've always said that we're teaching pedestrians how to fly."

Likewise, the command graduates nearly 40,000 basic military training troops each year, most of them teenagers.

"At that age we all thought we were bullet-proof," he said.

In the article, the general stressed it's everyone's responsibility to instill a safe lifestyle, including the peer group of the command's young officer and enlisted force.

Peer pressure actually can be a good thing, the general said. If a group of peers is convinced that certain practices are unsafe, such as speeding, not wearing seat belts and drinking and driving, then that could turn into a powerful mishap preven-

tion tool.

To read the entire article, people should look for a copy of Torch in their units or can read the March issue on the Web at [www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/se2/torch/back/2002/0203/index.htm](http://www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/se2/torch/back/2002/0203/index.htm).

Other articles in the March issue include:

■ Information about dietary supplements and the dangers they pose

■ A profile of a basic trainee completing small arms training and the lessons that can benefit everyone who handles weapons

■ A feature about an F-15 pilot who survived a crash and his struggle to get back into the cockpit

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## Training the WORLD'S BEST PILOTS

*Instructor Pilot Focus*

**Name:** Maj. Joe Rivera

**Squadron:** 96th Flying Training Squadron

**Pilot Training Base:** Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

**Date of Graduation:** Dec. 16, 1988

**Aircraft you flew and base you were stationed before**

**Laughlin?** T-37B, Randolph Air Force Base

**Mission of your primary aircraft?** Pilot instructor training

**What is the most important thing you learned at pilot training besides learning to fly?** The people working next to you are some of the greatest people you will ever know.

**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Study hard and learn all you can. It's only a matter of time before you will be flying the missions to defend our country.



**Rivera**

## Thinking about getting out? Think again!

Call Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis,  
47th Flying Training Wing  
career assistance adviser, at  
298-5456 for guidance.



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Serve is up

Mike Brown serves to Ed Jones during the "Killshot Klassic" Racquetball Tournament Saturday at the fitness center. Twenty-five players entered the tournament, with Mario Curiel winning the open division, Eric Ross winning the "B" division, Jones winning the "C" division and Beto Perez winning the novice division.



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Sportslines

Three-point shootout results in

The results for the annual March Madness three-point shoot-out held Saturday at the XL Fitness Center are in. Rick Adamcik won men's first place by beating Bob Hughes 13-11. Tricia Stucki took women's first place by beating Suetta McAllister 6-1. Adamcik then beat Stucki with a score of 6-1 in the second round to win the overall championship.

Volleyball season to begin

Intramural volleyball season begins at Laughlin in April. Letters of intent can be picked up at the XL Fitness Center and are due Monday.

A coaches meeting will be at 2 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5326 or 5251.

Bowling standings

Team	Points	Team	Points
Boeing	114-78	Services	102-90
OSS	113-76	CE	90-102
FTW	106-86	Commtracting	70-122
DeCA	104-88	SFS	69-123

Basketball playoffs

Round 1	Round 2
87th Talons 57	84/85th 36
Monday	Wednesday
47th SFS 34	87th Talons 44
	8 p.m. April 1
86th 47	
Monday	LCSAM 73
LCSAM 57	Wednesday
	47th CES 76
Losers Bracket	47th SFS
	Thursday
	86th
	84/85th
	Thursday
	LCSAM
	Winner to be announced
	7 p.m. April 1
	Winner to be announced